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SUBJECT:BLUMENTHAL BILATERAL AND SOCIAL SCHEDULE AT ADB
MEETING

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1. BILATERAL MEETING: SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL WOULD BE
HAPPY TO HAVE BILATERAL MEETING WITH AUSTRIAN HOST, VICE
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CHANCELLOR/FINANCE MINISTER HANNES ANDROSCH. WE CONCUR IN
MEETING ON APRIL 25 FOLLOWING BLUMENTHAL SPEECH AND BEFORE
LUNCH, I.E., AROUND 11.15 A.M. AT MINISTRY OF FINANCE.
WE PROPOSE TO RAISE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH AUSTRIANS:
(A) THE VAT INCREASE AND RESCISSION OF UNILATERALLY
GRANTED TARIFF REDUCTIONS AND (B) AUSTRIAN PARTICIPATION
IN THE EXPORT CREDIT CONSENSUS. WE EXPECT THAT AUSTRIANS
MAY WISH TO DISCUSS RECENT EXCHANGE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS
AND THE WORLD ECONOMY. IF EMBASSY IS AWARE OF ANY OTHER

SUBJECTS WHICH AUSTRIANS MIGHT RAISE OR WHICH U.S. SHOULD RAISE, PLEASE INFORM US.

2. SOCIAL SCHEDULE: SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL EXPECTS TO ATTEND APRIL 24 LUNCH HOSTED BY FINANCE MINISTER ANDROSCH, APRIL 24 EVENING RECEPTION HOSTED BY AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AND APRIL 25 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AUSTRIAN NATIONAL BANK PRESIDENT. HE PLANS TO REGRET APRIL 25 BREAKFAST HOSTED BY JAPANESE FINANCE MINISTER, IN VIEW OF CONFLICT WITH COURTESY CALL ON ADB PRESIDENT YOSHIDA. CHRISTOPHER

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